

Virginia Emergency Operations Center  
Hurricane Katrina Impacts  
Situation Report #4

Operational Period 0700 Hours September 3, 2005 to 0700 Hours September 4, 2005

**SITUATION:**

Governor Mark R. Warner declared a limited state of emergency within the Commonwealth on August 31, 2005, directing the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) to coordinate state relief efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina.

There are spot fuel shortages around the Commonwealth, primarily by independent stations; however, there are no widespread fuel shortages.

Thirty million barrels of American Crude was released from the Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR). This release will get to the refineries immediately to be converted to refined products. Thirty million barrels of refined product was also made available from international stock.

Plantation Pipeline Company has increased their average daily throughput to 100% on its refined product pipeline serving the southeastern United States. Colonial Pipeline plans to increase its capacity to 100% by the evening of September 5.

Fuel supplies are expected to continue to improve in Virginia.

Localities across the Commonwealth are receiving evacuees from Louisiana. The American Red Cross is providing assistance, such as food, clothing, and shelter, to the evacuees. No public shelters have been reported.

**ONGOING STATE ACTIVITIES:**

- **VDEM/VEOC**
  - No regional conference calls scheduled for today
  - Augmented with additional staffing of VDEM and state agency personnel
  - A growing number of Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests are being processed
  - Coordinating with localities and state agencies on relief efforts
  - Coordinating state and local resources and personnel available for deployment
  - In the process of putting EMAC information on the VDEM website
- **DMME**
  - Coordinating with VDOT to ensure adequate fuel supply for state agencies
  - Monitoring fuel supply
- **DOF**
  - Team of 20 personnel deployed to set-up and run a distribution center in Louisiana
  - Five (5) additional VDOF personnel deployed to fill specialty roles in Louisiana and Mississippi
- **VDH**
  - Facilitating local Health Departments providing immunizations for authorized personnel deploying to impacted states; approximately 150 Virginia State Police personnel vaccinated at Chesterfield Health Department in addition to approximately 25 Department of Game and Inland Fisheries law enforcement

- officers and advising deployed personnel, volunteers and Virginia education community as to immunization requirements
- Coordinating with Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA) on hospital volunteer relief efforts
- Tracking deployment of Sentara Health System self-sustained Response Team deployment.
- Virginia DMAT Strike Team deployed to Anniston, AL for staging and further movement
- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner personnel on alert for potential Federal DMORT support
- Prepare for potential evacuee shelter support
- **VNG**
  - Deployed 120 guardsmen mainly military police to assist Louisiana
  - Deployed 6 guardsmen with the 203<sup>rd</sup> Red Horse unit, a laundry and bath unit
  - Awaiting to deploy 15 Infantrymen in support of VSP mission in Mississippi
  - Preparing to deploy 225 guardsmen in support of Mississippi
- **VSP**
  - Deployed VSP helicopter equipped with a hoist, staffed by two pilots
  - Working to deploy approximately 100 trooper Task Force with a communication vehicle
- **VDOT/DMV/VSP**
  - Granting temporary overweight, over-width, registration, or license exemptions to all carriers transporting essential commodities in and through any area of the Commonwealth until October 30, 2005 in order to support relief efforts, regardless of their point of origin or destination
- **VITA**
  - Security services unit is receiving reports of fraudulent relief websites and has issued a general alert pertaining to those sites
- **VDSS**
  - Directing local offices to refer evacuees to local chapter of American Red Cross (ARC) and provide FEMA teleregistration number. After screening by ARC, DSS will process evacuee into appropriate program

#### **LOCAL ACTIONS:**

- Identifying resources for possible deployment to impact areas
- Monitoring fuel supply
- Receiving evacuees

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

- Virginia Public Inquiry Center (VPIC) opened yesterday to answer questions and field concerns from citizens. The VPIC telephone number is **866-880-4288**, hours of operation Sunday, September 4, 2005 – Noon to 5 PM, and Monday, September 5, 2005 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- FEMA has set up a Donations Hotline at **800-440-6728**
- The Department of Human Resources, through the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC) has mobilized a monetary fund drive within the state work force to assist with hurricane relief
- Electrical power companies serving the Commonwealth report personnel responding to the impacted area as follows: Virginia Dominion Power - 251, Appalachian Power - 292 and Allegheny Power - 131

**PROJECTED FUTURE ACTIONS:**

- Develop long-term strategy recommendations
- Consider Presidential Emergency Declaration Request
- Develop strong external communications strategy
- Conduct conference calls with localities as needed
- Continue to monitor fuel supply and report information
- Coordinate local and state relief efforts
- Process EMAC requests
- Continue to monitor issue regarding evacuees

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